



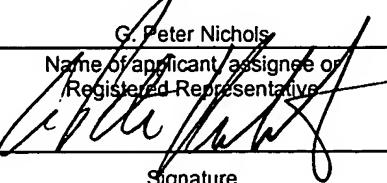
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Case No. 12262/6

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In re application of:)
Michio Ono et al.)
Serial No.: 10/807,689) Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: March 24, 2004) Examiner: unknown
For: SILICA SOL COMPOSITION,)
MEMBRANE ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY)
WITH PROTON-EXCHANGE)
MEMBRANE, AND FUEL CELL)

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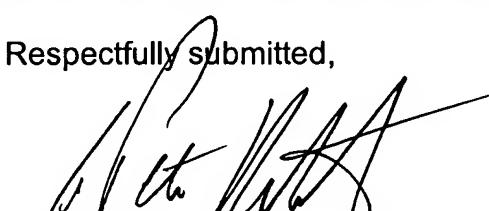
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The relevance of JP 2000- 090946 and PCT WO 03/041091 is believed to be evident from the Abstract.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case. The Examiner is invited to review the full disclosure of the listed documents for an independent evaluation of the pertinence of the documents to the invention claimed in the above-captioned application.

A PTO Form-1449 is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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A13	JP 2000-090946	Publ Date: 31.03.00	Japan		No (English Excerpt Attached)
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